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The first stop after the canal was at the volcanic islands, called Galapagos. This name came from a kind of huge turtle that exists in these islands. These measure as much as three feet from breast to back, and often weigh as much as 600 pounds. They are strong enough to carry a man on their backs. The islands belong to Ecuador. They are about 480 miles from Panama, in a south-westerly direction. Over a hundred years ago they were used as headquarters for men-of-war and whalers. There is one short cove in the island that still has the name of "Post-office Bay" given by whalers on account of the mail that they used to pick up when coming in for a short time from their fishing.

Darwin visited these islands in 1835 to study the great number of extinct volcanoes, which number over 2000. One of the largest islands containing about 800 square miles, is made up of these extinct craters, some of which measure four to five miles across.

The lower part of each island is usually made up of solidified lava, resembling a case of island smallpox. On this lava there may be found large numbers of lizards and turtles. Higher up on the islands where there is more moisture, there is a great deal of rich vegetation. Here are many thousands of wild cattle. The breed was first put there by Admiral Porter to supply meat to the visiting men of war.

The great turtles are slowly becoming extinct. They have been killed in countless numbers for the oil that they produce and as prey for the wild dogs.

The largest island is called Albermarle. It has about 150 natives on it. Another island of interest is called Catham. This was originally used as a place to send convicts. There are now about 500 people on this island. A sugar mill and plantation are run by them. An interesting fact about the craters is the number of cattle that graze on the bottoms. These large craters are entirely dead, though there are a few small active craters in the islands. The islands, as a whole were formed by a volcanic

upheaval through the bottom of the ocean. One thing about their formation is a volcanic sliver known as "Finger-point". This is a remarkable pinnacle which rises straight in the air over 735 feet. Another item of interest on the islands is the difference between the temperature on the opposite sides where, due to separate ocean currents, there is a difference of 20 degrees of temperature of the water at some seasons of the year.

It was our luck to visit the island of Catham, so here are the things of interest we found here. Up till a few years ago, this island was used as a convict settlement by Ecuador. The entire island was under the control of the Cobos family, who are well-known from a long residence in the Galapagos. A few years ago, however, one of the leading men of the sugar mill where the convicts are employed, murdered the head of the island while he was reading in a chair in his own house. The natives quickly gathered and caught the murderer, and with their long knives cut him up into pieces so little, long to be remembered for their remarkable smallness.

The son-in-law of Cobos then started out on a plan of cleaning up the entire island and deporting all the criminals. This was effectively carried out and the running of the sugar mill put on entirely new basis. Volunteer workmen were enlisted at Guayaquil, the capital of Ecuador, for a period of six months. Otherwise the laborers were free to come and go as they pleased. They were not only paid fairly good wages, from 50 to one hundred cents per day, but were allowed a certain percentage in a profit-sharing plan. There are about 220 of these workmen who work in the sugar mill and on a large coffee plantation. About sixty thousand pounds of sugar are produced each month in the sugar mill and some three thousand sacks of coffee are exported each year from the coffee plantation.

The sugar mill is an interesting old place with its antiquated machinery, which was brought over from Glasgow, Scotland,

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. In the Arctic Circle.



Wherever American soldiers went during the war and after, there also went the American Red Cross. This policy carried Red Cross workers to far corners of the globe and here they are seen near the rim of everlasting ice and snow in North Russia. Automobiles were used whenever possible but on many journeys the reindeer pictured here proved most effective.

many years ago. The big rollers thru which the sugar cane is crushed are still fed by hand.

The plantation house of the owner is a very curious affair, being built upon piles. The stairway, leading up to the first floor is very narrow and steep, and at its top there are two heavy doors that fold over the opening. This was for the purpose of protection in case of an attack by the convicts. The doors would be closed and as but one man at a time could force his way up the steps, he stood little chance of a successful attack. The present owner of the settlement and of the whole island can boast of nearly a thousand horses and almost as many donkeys, mostly wild, luxurious oranges, a pen of the Galapagos turtles and a large drove of very fine cattle. There are none of the wild dogs on this island that are to be found on the Albermarle.

The village of the settlement has a Grand Rue in its centre that is 100 per cent. mud. This is due to the high altitude with resulting rains almost every day. The huts are thatched and remind one of the stories of the South Seas.

Communication with South America is kept up by two small schooners, which belong to the owner and make a voyage about once a month to Ecuador.

Practically all of the people have never seen a movie, never heard of Broadway, and never had to worry about more than a shirt, one pair of trousers and a straw sombrero.

Living is very easy as there are great numbers of bananas, papayas, yams, oranges and lemons.

The soil is rich and easily yields two crops a year. The living is all outdoors and the only acting doctor on the island is the owner himself. These islands as a whole are becoming of more interest to Americans, due to the opening of the Panama Canal, and the line in which they lie for ships that are following routes in the Southern Pacific.

In my next letter I will tell of the beautiful islands of the French, called the "Marquesas." J. D. CONDRA, Ph. M., 1, U. S. N. U. S. S. "So. Dakota" Olangapo, P. I. Nov. 9, 1919.

KILLED IN AUTONOBILE ACCIDENT

Crossville, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Wed Ormes was killed instantly. Mrs. Lola Burnett and little daughter injured so that they died some hours later, and Doss Burnett badly mashed up when an automobile Burnett was driving was struck by a train near Anthony, Texas. All parties were formerly of this section. Ormes and Mrs. Burnett, who were brother and sister, were from Sequachee Valley, having moved to Anthony, and Mr. Burnett moved to Idaho last year from Cumberland county. A fast train two hours late struck the automobile on the crossing, a heavy fog preventing sight of the approaching train.

TRAPPERS SUCCESSFUL IN CUMBERLAND

Crossville, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Cumberland County hunters are unusually busy this season, owing to the high prices for furs. J. W. Lewis, of Erasmus, captured a black skunk, the fur of which is at a premium, and in the same hole got a grey fox. His record capture, however, was seven skunks from one hole. These fur-bearing animals were all captured inside of a week, and brought the trapper \$25. John Kearley, of Dorton, also has a record of having captured enough fur-bearing animals in a day and a half trapping to bring him \$26 dollars. His son captured a white coon, something unusual in coon family life.

PRESIDING ELDER TO PREACH

Rev. J. A. Mitchell, presiding elder of the M. E. Church, south, will preach at Owen Church tonight. He is a forceful speaker and you should hear him.

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Special to the News.

We are having some real winter, and I can't get out to go any place. I will write the News a few words. We are having snow, rain and sleet and you know that makes a fellow love the fire.

We moved the 2nd of January to 185 Pine Bluff St. We have all been busy getting things put in place. Best not to dwell on the moving subject too long. There is nothing in it to help a Sunday school lesson along. A fellow is always getting the wrong piece. Well, I suppose everyone has moved, and all know what it is to move. We have a nice, six-room house with all modern improvements, lights, gas, etc. Paris has the highest rents of any town of its size that I have ever seen. We have to pay \$40 a month for this six-room cottage. The one we just left was a five-room bungalow. We paid \$35 a month for it, and the owner rented it \$50 a month as soon as it was empty. Seems to me that it would pay to build a few to rent, if one had the spare money to make the investment. When one starts a house here, it is rented before the frame is up, and there are never any empties to rent. There is more building here than anywhere I have seen, but still they can't supply the demand for houses. Paris is growing very fast, it seems everybody is busy at something, there are no loafers standing on the street corners, like most of places. Everybody has employment and no time to loaf in Paris. There are more industrial and manufacturing plants than any place of its size I ever saw. Everybody seems to have a job and is willing to work to hold it.

Mrs. Lucy Greyer, and daughter of Missouri, (where you have to show them) are visiting Mrs. E. C. Bracken this week, and are having a nice time. They spent several days visiting in Dallas and Greenville, their former homes. They will stay a few days longer in Paris, and then go home.

In my mail today I found three letters. I was very proud to receive one from my two grandsons who live at Long Beach, Cal., one from my cousin, J. A. Long, of Gulfport, Miss., and one from my brother, T. S. Bracken, of Arlington, Tex.

As it is so cold today, I will have to stop for this time. Wish the News a happy and successful new year. How many have made resolutions and broken them already? Many, I guess. Lone Star.

MASS MEETING COLORED CITIZENS

Jasper, Jan. 12.—A mass meeting of the colored citizens of Marion will be held at the courthouse at Jasper Saturday to organize for the coming election. This is part of a movement to organize the entire state. A. F. Shockley, a prominent colored school teacher, having just returned from a trip to organize Davidson, Shelby and Jackson counties, in company with Robt. Church, state committeeman, Roscoe C. Simmons, A. W. Fite and T. C. Moore. The meeting at Jasper will be addressed by Dr. A. W. Astrapp, A. F. Shockley, B. D. McReynolds, A. Hayworth, and other prominent colored men of the county.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF FARMERS' SUPPLY

Jasper, Jan. 12.—The stockholders of the Farmers' Supply Co., met at Jasper Saturday and elected directors for the current year as follows: James Wells, John D. Lay, E. B. Alder, T. B. Lasater and F. L. Ashburn. This is the old board, which has now served very successfully two years. The report of the store manager, W. S. Pryor, showed a successful year. An attempt will be made to secure additional stock subscriptions, and an abutting lot to property was ordered bought at an expense of \$500.

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